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On 14 December, about 520 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia, 280 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets including some with engineer insignia, and a limited number of soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were quartered in the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne in Saalfeld. On 1 December, about 60 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets received combat training on the training ground, while about 50 men improved the field fortifications system. On 3 December, a rocket launcher left the installation toward the training ground and returned at about 1 p.m. On 9 December, square timber was unloaded from four trucks in the western section of the barracks area. From 1 to 14 December, 50 to 70 men were daily observed at gymnastics in the barracks area.

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Comment. The information confirms the 316th Gds HL Regt of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and the 45th Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in their billets prior to mid-December.

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